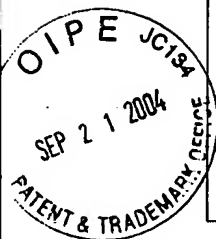


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2004, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on September 25, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.